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FOREWORD



Dear Readers,

It is with great pleasure that I present this edition of our School newsletter, covering the second half of 2025. As I reflect on the pages that follow, I am struck by the vibrant intellectual energy and profound societal engagement that define the School of Law, Economics and Government.

This period has been marked by significant milestones. We celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students and staff; from groundbreaking research on public debt and corruption presented in these pages, to Dr. Farai Chigaru's award-winning GIFT innovation, to our law students securing bail for pre-trial detainees through clinical legal education. We have bid farewell to Professor Blessings Chinsinga after 28 distinguished years, while welcoming new collaborations and welcoming first-year students into our academic community.

What stands out most vividly is our School's growing commitment to bridging theory and practice. Whether through the Humans of UNIMA initiative supporting refugees at Dzaleka, the PAS Society's civic education efforts, or our various clinics advancing gender justice, disability rights, and environmental sustainability, we are demonstrating that scholarship must serve society.

As Executive Dean, I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together. I encourage you to read these pages not merely as a record of events, but as evidence of a community dedicated to excellence, integrity, and meaningful impact.

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FROM THE DEAN'S DIARY

Faith-Based Organisations and Environmental Stewardship in Malawi



Professor Kayuni presenting on Faith and Stewardship

On 7 August 2025, Prof Kayuni co-presented a paper with Paul Mankhwanda at the University of Malawi Humanities and Social Sciences Conference, exploring the role of Christian organisations in environmental conservation.

The study examines the ideological foundations and practical contributions of major denominations, including the Catholic Church, Anglican Church, and CCAP, in promoting environmental stewardship. Drawing on qualitative data from key informants, the paper highlights both the potential and limitations of faith-based

engagement.

Findings indicate that while these organisations articulate strong environmental ethics, such as “Care for Our Common Home” and “Green Anglicanism,” implementation remains uneven and often confined to leadership levels.

The analysis underscores the need for more coherent and widely disseminated environmental frameworks within religious institutions. Strengthening grassroots awareness and aligning theological principles with practical action are essential for enhancing their impact.

This work contributes to broader debates on the role of non-state actors in advancing sustainable development.

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Beyond Rhetoric: The Politics of Sustainable Development in Malawi

At the 2025 Humanities and Social Sciences Conference held at the University of Malawi on 8 August 2025, Prof Kayuni co-presented a paper with D. Tembo examining the political dimensions of sustainable development in Malawi.

The study interrogates how governance structures, power relations, and political behaviour shape sustainability outcomes. Using Afrobarometer data, the analysis assessed public perceptions of government performance across key indicators such as poverty reduction, food security, and service delivery.

Findings reveal a widening gap between policy commitments and citizen experiences, contributing to declining trust in political institutions. This disconnect points to an emerging legitimacy challenge that undermines collective action for sustainable development.

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The paper further demonstrates how clientelism, elite capture, and electoral incentives distort policy implementation and prioritisation. It argues that sustainable development must be understood as inherently political, requiring deliberate efforts to strengthen accountability, transparency, and citizen engagement.



Professor Kayuni Presenting

Malawi's Democratic Trajectory in a Developmental Context

On 14 October 2025, Prof Kayuni contributed to a panel discussion on “Malawi at the Crossroads: Democracy, Development, and the 2025 Elections,” organised by the University of Oslo.

The panel explored the complex relationship between Malawi's democratic resilience and its uneven development outcomes. While the country has sustained multiparty democracy since 1994, socio-economic transformation has lagged, raising important questions about go-

vernance effectiveness.

Prof Kayuni highlighted the paradox of strong democratic legitimacy coexisting with persistent developmental constraints. Drawing on empirical trends, it was argued that Malawi remains “policy rich but implementation poor,” reflecting structural institutional weaknesses and capacity gaps.

The discussion also examined how electoral dynamics shape policy choices, often incenti-

vising short-term, populist interventions over long-term reform. At the same time, Malawi's progress in health indicators demonstrates that targeted interventions can yield tangible outcomes even within constrained systems.

The panel concluded that the 2025 elections provide a critical lens through which to assess both the strengths and limitations of democratic governance in advancing development.

Rethinking Aid and Development in a Multipolar Era



Professor Kayuni speaking on a high-level panel at the University of Oslo

On 16 October 2025, Prof Kayuni participated in a high-level panel on “Aid and Finance for Sustainable Development” at a workshop hosted by the Oslo SDG Initiative at the University of Oslo, Norway. The discussion examined how shifting global power dynamics are reshaping development finance and policy priorities.

The panel engaged critically with the implications of an emerging multipolar world, where

the rise of the Global South, geopolitical fragmentation, and climate pressures are redefining traditional aid architectures. A key concern was how countries such as Malawi can balance urgent energy poverty needs with commitments to green transitions.

Prof Kayuni's contribution focused on the political economy of aid dependence and the need to rethink financing models beyond conventional donor-recipient frameworks. Emphasis

was placed on the importance of South-South cooperation, locally grounded policy ownership, and context-sensitive development strategies.

The session underscored that sustainable development is increasingly contingent on adaptive governance, innovative financing, and stronger alignment between global frameworks and domestic realities.

Department of Politics and Government Bids Farewell to Professor Blessings Chinsinga



Professor Blessings Chinsinga

The Department of Politics and Government at the University of Malawi bids farewell to Professor Blessings Chinsinga, a distinguished scholar and academic who has served the University with dedication and excellence for 28 years. Professor Chinsinga has officially taken up a new appointment at the Africa School of Governance (ASG) in Kigali, Rwanda, marking a significant milestone in his illustrious

"We thank him for his 28 years of exemplary service, mentorship, and unwavering commitment to academic excellence."

academic career. Over nearly three decades of service, Professor Chinsinga made outstanding contributions to teaching, research, post-graduate supervision, and academic leadership within the Department and the University at large. He played a pivotal role in shaping the intellectual foundations of Politics and Government at UNIMA and mentored generations of students who now serve in academia,

government, civil society, and international organisations across Malawi and beyond.

Professor Chinsinga's scholarly work, particularly in governance, political economy, and development studies, has earned both national and international recognition. His commitment to rigorous scholarship and policy-relevant research significantly enhanced the Department's profile and strengthened its engagement with governance and development debates in Malawi and the wider African context.

As he transitions to the Africa School of Governance, Professor Chinsinga carries with him a wealth of experience and a legacy of academic excellence forged at the University of Malawi. His new role reflects not only personal achievement but also the global competitiveness and relevance.

The Department of Politics and Government extends heartfelt congratulations to Professor Blessings Chinsinga on his new appointment. We thank him for his 28 years of exemplary service, mentorship, and unwavering commitment to academic excellence. We wish him every success in this new chapter of his professional journey and trust that he will continue to make meaningful contributions to governance scholarship and leadership development across the African continent.

Professor Chinsinga will always remain a valued member of the UNIMA academic community, and his legacy within the Department will continue to inspire future generations.

Mr Gift Mbwele Participates in the 10th IPADA Annual International Conference in Cape Town, South Africa

Mr Gift Mbwele attended the 10th IPADA Annual International Conference, held from 9 to 12 September 2025 at Lagoon Beach Hotel in Cape Town, South Africa. The conference was organised under the theme "Africa's Future, Sustainable Political Economy and the Global Space."



Mr. Gift Mbwele presenting at the 10th IPADA International Conference

During the conference, Mr Mbwele made two scholarly presentations. The first paper, titled

"The Role of Human Resource Management in Addressing Workplace Mental Health Challenges in Commercial Banks: A Study of National Bank of Malawi," examined the contribution of HRM practices to employee mental well-being in the banking sector. His second presentation, "Investigating the Factors Contributing to the Poor Public Image of Nchalo Illovo Sugar Company," explored organisational and public perception challenges within the corporate sector.

Mr Mbwele expressed appreciation to the Department for the support received, noting that the conference provided valuable feedback and insights from fellow scholars which enriched his research. The papers presented are expected to be published as part of the conference proceedings.

Rethinking Water, Rethinking Governance: A Conversation from Stellenbosch

Between 22 and 24 October 2025, Mr Ernest Pondani, Lecturer in the Department of Politics and Government at the University of Malawi, participated in the 18th International Winelands Conference, held at the Asara Wine Estate in Stellenbosch, South Africa. The conference provided a platform for rigorous debate and reflection on contemporary governance and sustainability challenges.

At the conference, Mr Pondani presented a co-authored paper with Samantha Soyiyo focusing on one of Malawi's most pressing environmental concerns—water governance, with specific reference to Lake Chilwa. The paper advances a transformative hybrid model of water governance, arguing for the deliberate integration of formal state institutions and traditional, community-based governance systems. Rather than treating these systems as competing, the authors contend that sustainable water management is more attainable when policies align with

both state authority and local lived experiences.

Beyond the presentation itself, the conference offered valuable opportunities for intellectual engagement.

Mr Pondani described the experience as enriching, citing insightful feedback from fellow scholars that helped refine the paper. Interactions with researchers and practitioners from across Africa and beyond broadened perspectives on sustainability, governance, and development—issues with relevance far beyond the Lake Chilwa basin.

Equally significant were the informal outcomes of the conference, including professional relationships formed, critical questions raised, and potential research collaborations initiated. As demonstrated in Stellenbosch, academic conferences are not merely platforms for presenting completed work, but dynamic spaces for testing



Mr. Ernest Pondani presenting at the 18th Winelands Conference, in Stellenbosch, South Africa

ideas, challenging assumptions, and fostering scholarly communities.

Ultimately, the Lake Chilwa paper highlights the importance of grounding global sustainability debates in local realities. By bringing Malawi's water governance challenges into an international forum, the research underscores a vital insight: local contexts are not peripheral but central to shaping sustainable and inclusive futures in Africa and beyond.



Mr. Ernest Pondani (in blue), a fourth year student (in black) and the some of the beneficiaries captured during the the outreach at Dzaleka

Humans of UNIMA: When Scholarship Goes Beyond the Seminar Room

When asked about the purpose of universities, many instinctively point to teaching, research, publications, and global rankings. While these remain central to academic life, they often overshadow a deeper question: what if universities also prioritised human presence and societal impact?

This question lies at the heart of Humans of UNIMA, an innovative initiative founded by Mr Ernest Pondani, Lecturer in the Department of Politics and Government at the University of Malawi. The initiative seeks to centre people—their stories, struggles, and lived experiences—by extending academic engagement beyond lecture halls and scholarly journals.



A beautiful moment for one the beneficiaries as he joyfully struggles with a heavy packages donated by Humans of UNIMA at Dzaleka

This vision took practical form on 16 June 2025, when Mr Pondani led his fourth-year Peace

and Security students in mobilising food, clothing, and financial assistance for refugees at Dzaleka Refugee Camp. The initiative was driven by the collective generosity of UNIMA students, staff, and partners, resulting in the donation of clothing for men, women, and children, with particular attention to elderly refugees and vulnerable children. Logistical support from the Refugee Outreach Collective (ROC) ensured that the donations reached those most in need.

Building on this momentum, Humans of UNIMA partnered with Hope Spark on 30 July 2025 to support 100 vulnerable households at Dzaleka Refugee Camp. Each household received essential supplies, including 5kg bags of maize flour, soya pieces, and soap. The beneficiaries included child-headed households, newly displaced families, single mothers, and some of the most economically vulnerable residents in the camp.

Reflecting on the motivation behind the initiative, Mr Pondani challenges a familiar academic tendency—the preoccupation with publications and research outputs as the ultimate measure of scholarly success. While research remains vital, he argues that universities should produce more than knowledge; they should cultivate engaged and socially responsive citizens. Drawing inspiration from the concept of paracademics—scholars who work alongside communities to translate theory into practice—he demonstrates how academic work can meaningfully contribute to social change. Humans of UNIMA does not reject scholarship; rather, it expands its purpose. By insisting that teaching in fields such as peace, security, governance, and politics must engage directly with lived vulnerability, the initiative reminds us that the most credible knowledge is often that which shows up, listens, and acts.

PAS Society Hosts Institute for Policy Interaction (IPI) for Voter Education Engagement

On 4th September 2025, the University of Malawi Political and Administrative Studies (PAS) Society hosted the Institute for Policy Interaction (IPI) Malawi on a Town Hall Go to Vote Campaign in Lecture Theatre 2 at the University of Malawi. The event formed part of civic education efforts in preparation for the 2025 General Elections.

As a Malawi Electoral Commission (MEC) accredited civic education provider, IPI engaged

students in discussions aimed at encouraging voter participation and addressing concerns surrounding the September 2025 elections. The session provided students with a platform to better understand electoral processes, their civic responsibilities, and the importance of peaceful participation in democratic processes.

The event featured a panel discussion comprising Mr Stuart Chauluka, Executive Director of the Malawi Union for the Blind; Counsel King

Rudi from the Malawi Electoral Commission (Civic and Voter Education); Mr Elia Mwalwanda, Youth Activist and Social Media Influencer; and Ms Roselyn Makhambura, Media Manager at MIJ FM Radio. Panel discussions focused on key issues including electoral conduct, the rights of people with disabilities, youth participation in elections, and the prevention of electoral violence.

During the discussion, PAS Society students

expressed concern over the MEC voter transfer system, noting that it limited the ability of some first-year students to participate in voting. Students proposed timely consultations between the Ministry of Education and the Malawi Electoral Commission in future elections to ensure that all eligible students can exercise their constitutional right to vote.

In her closing remarks, the IPI Executive Director emphasised the importance of peace and calm during the electoral period and expressed appreciation to the PAS Society for hosting the civic engagement.



PAS-IPI engagement in pictures

A Night of Unity and Motivation: PAS Society Welcomes First-Year Students



Professor Chasukwa, Mrs. Chavula, and students at the PAS Society 2025 First-Years Welcoming Function

The Political and Administrative Studies Society (PAS) officially ushered in the new academic year with a memorable first-year welcoming dinner held on Saturday, 4 October 2025. The event aimed to warmly welcome first-year students into the PAS Society and the wider Politics and Government academic community.

The dinner brought together students from all levels of study, the Head of the Department of Politics and Government, Professor Michael Chasukwa, and the Guest of Honour, Mrs. Chavula, the Zomba District Council Commissioner. The gathering was marked by joy, inspiration, and a strong sense of unity.

The programme opened with a word of prayer by Mr Everson Nyanya, a fourth-year student, setting a reflective tone for the evening. This was followed by remarks from the Master of Ceremonies, who outlined the programme for the night. In his address, PAS Society President, Mr Aubrey Chibwana, warmly welcomed the first-year students into the PAS family and encouraged them to actively participate in society activities and other extracurricular engagements. He emphasised the importance of building social capital, learning beyond the classroom, and maintaining dedication and hard work in their academic journey. He further urged first-year students to seek guidance and support from senior students whenever challenges arise.

In addition to the inspirational speeches, the evening featured vibrant artistic performances, including poetry by Chikumbutso Thawale and musical performances by Immaculate Gadama and friends. The event was further enlivened by interactive sessions and friendly competitions, fostering social interaction among attendees. Guests later enjoyed a well-served dinner, followed by a photo session that captured the memorable moments of the night.

Overall, the welcoming dinner was more than a social gathering; it was a meaningful affirmation of unity, inspiration, and the exciting new beginnings awaiting first-year students within the PAS Society. The event successfully set the tone for a year of active engagement, personal growth, and collective achievement.



The Guest of Honour, Mrs. Chavula, addressing the students.

PAS Society Engages Millennium Fellowship and Students for Liberty on Environmentalism

On 1st November 2025, PAS society in collaboration with UNIMA Students for Liberty and Millenium Campus network on education meets Environmentalism, hosted a public discussion on environmentalism in the Lecture Theatre 1 at University of Malawi. The event aimed to explore the intersection between education and environmental, while highlighting the critical role students play in addressing environmental challenges.

The discussion brought together students from various disciplines and featured notable speakers, including Mr Christopher Windrose, ASFL Local Coordinator and Teaching Assistant at UNIMA; Ms Salome Kahonge, UNIMAWES Matron; and Mr John Peter, UNIMA Students for Liberty Vice President. The speakers emphasised the responsibility of students across all fields of study to actively engage in environmental protection and sustainable practices.

The event also featured an interactive panel discussion involving student leaders from different academic societies. Panellists included Mr Aubrey Chibwana from the PAS Society, Emmanuel Banda, Billy Paul Mataka, Henry Supedi from the Theology Society, and Isabel Sitolo from the Philosophy Society. The panel explored



UNIMA Students for Liberty, Millenium Fellowship and PAS Society at the Environmentalism engagement

how disciplines such as Politics, Philosophy, and Theology conceptualise and respond to environmentalism, underscoring the importance of interdisciplinary approaches to environmental advocacy.

The discussion concluded with a collective commitment by participants to organise a tree-planting initiative at the beginning of the next semester, reflecting a shared resolve to translate dialogue into practical environmental action.

School Outreach Programme in Mangochi

The Political and Administrative Studies (PAS) Society, in collaboration with the Department of Politics and Government at the University of Malawi, successfully conducted

secondary school students to consider careers in Public Administration and Political Science.

The outreach programme was conducted at One Accord Private Secondary School and Koche Community Day Secondary School (CDSS). A team of PAS Society members, accompanied by two lecturers from the department of Politics and Government Ernest Pondani and Mr. Samuel Iwalani, visited the schools to deliver the programme.

During the sessions, PAS Society members delivered presentations and engaged students on topics related to Public Administration and Political Science, highlighting academic pathways, career prospects, and opportunities

available upon successful completion of the programmes. Mr Pondani and Mr Iwalani complemented the student presentations by providing career guidance and counselling, outlining the

diverse professional pathways available in the fields of Public Administration and Political Science.

The programme was well received by both students and staff at the participating schools, who demonstrated high levels of enthusiasm and engagement throughout the sessions. The PAS Society expressed optimism that the outreach will inspire and empower students to pursue their academic goals, with aspirations of joining the University of Malawi in the future.



Mr. Ernest Pondani speaking to secondary school students



PAS Society and Department of Politics and Government at the School Outreach Programme in Mangochi

ted a secondary school outreach programme in Mangochi on the 29th of November 2025. The initiative formed part of the Society's community engagement efforts and aimed to inspire

Dr. Gift Dorothy Mekanje Completes Her PhD Studies

Durham University awarded a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) to Dr. Gift Dorothy Mekanje, a lecturer in the Department of Public Law and Clinical Legal Education. This is following the successful completion of her doctoral studies in the United Kingdom. Her thesis, "Countering Harmful Cultural Practices Through Criminal Law? A Critical Study Based on Fieldwork in African Communities," employed empirical fieldwork to examine the effectiveness of criminal law in addressing harmful cultural practices (HCPs) within African communities.



Dr. Gift Dorothy Mekanje
The study found that while criminal law

had a limited reach in confronting deeply rooted cultural practices, it remained a useful tool when properly enforced. Dr. Mekanje highlighted key enforcement challenges and

"...criminal law had a limited reach in confronting deeply rooted cultural practices..."

proposed measures to strengthen the legal response, including the engagement of traditional leaders, the criminalisation of practices that are *malum in se*, and a more nuanced approach to the treatment of adult women involved in HCPs.

Mr. Misheck Jere Completes His Masters In Human Rights Law With Distinction

Mr. Misheck Saidi Jere, a lecturer in the Department of Public Law and Clinical Legal Education recently completed his Master of Laws (LLM) in International Human Rights Law with Distinction, from the University of Essex, United Kingdom. Mr. Misheck Saidi Jere has expressed keen interest in contributing to our teaching portfolio in the areas of Human Rights Law, Constitutional Law, Natural Resources Law and Public International Law.

Ms. Ruth Mchizi Embarks on Her Master's in Laws Journey in Ireland and Joins the Oxford Institute of Technology and Justice as a Legal Consultant of Institute's Project



Mr. Misheck Jere



Ruth with (from left to right) Lord Hermer, Bradford Smith, Philippa Webb, Professor Amal Clooney, Ruth Mchizi and Jodie Ginsberg



Ruth with George Clooney, Co-Founder of the Clooney Foundation for Justice.

Ruth Mchizi is currently pursuing a Master of Laws (LLM) in International Migration, Refugee Law and Policy at the University of Galway, Ireland. This prestigious program is providing her with a comprehensive understanding of the complex legal frameworks and policy issues surrounding migration and refugee protection. Her studies are focused on developing effective solutions to address the challenges faced by migrants and refugees, with a particular emphasis on asylum procedures, human rights law, and international protection.

Ruth has also joined the Oxford Institute of

Technology and Justice, founded by Amal Clooney and Philippa Webb, as a legal consultant on one of the Institute's projects that is harnessing technology to improve access to justice for women and girls in Malawi, in partnership with Microsoft. They are building two key tools: one will enhance the impact and capacity of the Women Lawyers' Association by automating the drafting of legal documents, and another, a WhatsApp chatbot, which will empower first responders with critical information to support survivors of violence and abuse.

Ruth is pictured below with (in the first picture from left to right) Lord Hermer (Attorney General of the United Kingdom), Bradford Smith (President of Microsoft), Philippa Webb (Professor of Public International Law), Amal Clooney (Professor of Practice in International Law, Co-Founder of the Clooney Foundation for Justice), Ruth and Jodie Ginsberg (Committee to Protect Journalists). In the second picture, Ruth is pictured with George Clooney, husband of Amal Clooney, Co-Founder of the Clooney Foundation for Justice.

Strengthening Access to Justice through University – Civil Society Partnerships

On 2 October 2025, the Department of Public Law and Clinical Legal Education held a strategic engagement with the Zomba Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) Network, a coalition of civil society and non-governmental organisations implementing programmes in Zomba District. The meeting sought to identify areas of synergy and opportunities for collaboration in advancing access to justice. This initiative responds

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to persistent challenges in Malawi's justice sector, including limited access to legal services in both rural and urban communities, entrenched cultural practices, resource constraints, and systemic inefficiencies that continue to hinder the full protection of human rights. The meeting brought together representatives of member organisations of the Zomba CSOs

Network, the Head of Department, Dr Ngcimezile Mbano-Mweso, and staff and students involved in legal clinics. It provided a platform for the two institutions, united by a shared commitment to justice, development, and the rule of law, to exchange perspectives, understand each other's areas of work, and explore collaborative approaches that could strengthen their impact at community level. Key areas identified for partnership included student internships and clinical placements, with CSOs expressing interest in hosting law students to support legal research and, where feasible, to provide supervised legal assistance. The participants also discussed possibilities for joint projects and advocacy initiatives, in which students could contribute to legal



advice, community outreach, and strategic litigation support in the diverse fields of law addressed by CSOs in their work. The engagement concluded with a commitment by both parties to formalise the collaboration through a partnership agreement with clearly defined objectives and scope. Among the proposed areas of cooperation are the establishment of a structured internship programme for law students within CSOs under the Network, the provision of pro bono or low-cost legal services, collaborative research and policy analysis, and evidence-based advocacy. The partnership reflects the growing importance of multi-stakeholder approaches in linking academic training with community needs and expanding access to professional legal services, while offering a potential model for strengthening equitable justice delivery in resource-constrained settings.

On 18th October, 2025 Ms. Atupele Masanjala, from the Private Law Department, presented a paper at the 14th Annual African Society of International Law in Africa Conference held in Maputo, Mozambique. The conference was held under the theme 'Africa, Culture and International Law'. Atupele's paper, titled 'Leaving Money On The Table: The

Case Of Malawi And Digital Content Creation' considered Malawi's definition of art and how it excluded social media content creation. She argued that the law's failure to recognise social media content as an art was a missed opportunity in terms of promotion of the creative industry but also in terms of finding avenues to boost the economy. Her paper contained an empiri-

cal study in which she had surveyed Malawian content creators to ascertain whether they make income, the level of income they attain through content creation and the nature of content that garners them the most income. Her paper was well received with many participants noting that Malawi's conceptualisation of art was outdated and not in line with current global trends.

A portrait of a man with short dark hair and a light beard, wearing a grey textured suit jacket, a light blue shirt, and a dark tie. He has his arms crossed and is looking directly at the camera against a plain white background.

Albert Kuthemba-Mwale
(LLB, Third Year)

The Disability Rights Unit at the Faculty of Law, University of the Free State organised an International Conference on Albinism. The conference's key themes centred on advancing holistic strategies for promoting the well-being of Persons with Albinism (PWA). Albert presented a paper titled "Strengthening Legal and Policy Protections: The Case for a Multi-Sectoral Approach to the Well-Being of Persons with Albinism in Malawi."

His paper underscored the importance of

...strengthening legal and policy frameworks that not only guarantee access to primary goods such as education and health, but also reinforce systems that expand substantive freedoms..."

The Law School Soiree

In October 2025, the UNIMA Law School hosted its annual Law School Soirée sponsored by Kita and Company, welcoming Khumbo Soko, UNIMA Law alumnus and foun-

der and Managing Partner of Soko and Company, as Guest of Honour. During the event, Mr. Soko inspired students with reflections on what it means to be part of UNIMA Law, urging them

to work hard, enjoy the journey, embrace the freedom to choose wisely, and never settle for failure.



Mr. Khumbo Soko, Guest of Honour at the 2025 UNIMA Law School Soiree, addressing the audience

Public Lecture on Advancing Governance through the Proposed International Anti-Corruption Court



Participants pose for a group at the end of the public lecture

On 11 September 2025, the School of Law, Economics & Government in partnership with Integrity Initiatives International (III) and Good Governance Africa, hosted a public lecture on “Advancing Governance through the Proposed International Anti-Corruption Court.” The guest lecturer, Brig. Gen.(Prof.) Dan Kuwali, LL.D., delivered an in-depth analysis of the far-reaching effects of corruption on development, security, and human rights. He highlighted the opportunities that the proposed court presents in scaling up efforts to prevent corruption, a vice that continues to erode societies worldwide.

The lecture attracted vibrant participation, with attendees interrogating potential challenges to



Dr. Ngcimezile Mbano-Mweso (far left), Brig. Gen.(Prof.) Dan Kuwali (2nd from left), Dr. Ruth Kolevsohn (far right) and other dignitaries at the public lecture

the effective utilisation of such a court. Notably, concerns were raised about powerful individuals who may exploit their influence to undermine accountability. Brig. Gen.(Prof.) Dan Kuwali, LL.D. acknowledged this reality, using it to underscore the importance of a concerted national and regional effort in combating corruption. He further stressed the need for robust systems for asset tracing and recovery to ensure lasting impact. A dynamic panel discussion moderated by Dr Ruth Kolevsohn followed, featuring Assoc. Prof. Lewis Chezan Bande, PhD, Collins Mtika, Lonwabo Patrick Kulati, and Clara Ngwira. Their diverse perspectives enriched the debate on strengthening governance and advancing anti-corruption strategies.

Climate Change, Carbon Sequestration Initiatives And Corporate Accountability



Participants and presenters pose for a photo after the staff-student seminar

The Law School hosted a staff-student seminar on the topic of Climate Change, Carbon Sequestration Initiatives and Corporate Accountability on 13th November, 2025. Ngcimezile Mbano-Mweso, Head of Public Law and Clinical Legal Education Department, and Ramboll Foundation Award Winner, presented “Gender Intersectionality and Environmental Justice for Women in Carbon Sequestration Projects in Malawi.” She highlighted

the need to understand the climate crisis as gendered, and argued for a gender and intersectional approach in climate action.

Third-year law students Walumbike Nkhata and Taweni Vinandi Maoni presented “Climate Change, Disaster Pathways and Impacts of Malawi,” discussing the country’s climate vulnerability and the need for sustainable, climate-resilient infrastructure, and Taweni Vinandi Maoni,

Lecturer in Environmental Law, delivered “Corporate Accountability in Malawi’s Environmental Governance: Law, Legitimacy, and the Politics of Compliance,” examining domestic and international frameworks regulating corporate environmental responsibility and prompting reflection on what truly drives corporate compliance.

Informality, Custom and Land Law Reform



Participants and Presenters pose for a photo at the end of the seminar

The Department of Private Law hosted a Staff-Student Seminar on Informality, Custom and Land Law Reform, held on the 6th of November. It was a vibrant and thought-provoking event that featured a keynote presentation by Dr. Chikondi M. Mandala, PhD, which sparked a rich discussion challenging the notion of customary land as “informal” and highlighted the need for a Malawian definition of land law that reflects local perspectives. Other insightful presentations were made by Mr. Nebert Chirwa on “Power, legitimacy, and myths of reform”; Counsel Arius Chagunda on the “Jurisdiction of Magistrates’ Courts in Customary Land Disputes”; John Kalua, a final-year student, on “Customary Law, Legal Pluralism, and Gender Justice”; and third-year student Nicholas Mwisama on “The Norms of Customary Law as Drivers of Daily Decisions.” The seminar demonstrated the value of staff-student dialogue in reimagining law to better align with Malawi’s lived realities.

2025 UNCITRAL Day In Africa

The Department of Private Law hosted the 2025 UNCITRAL Day in Africa on 16 October 2025, themed “UNCITRAL Instruments and Secured Transactions in Malawi.” Moderated by Dr. Cyprian Kambili, PhD, the event featured three presentations, two of which

were made by Legal Officers in the UNCITRAL Secretariat, while the other by a student. The first was a general presentation on UNCITRAL and commercial law by Benjamin Herisset, followed by a session on secured transactions and access to credit by Monica Canafoglia, and then

finally a presentation by third-year law student Haggai Msosa on the law and practice of UNCITRAL’s security interest texts in Malawi. The Department celebrated this opportunity to foster academic dialogue and practical understanding of international commercial law frameworks.

Clinical Legal Education Stories

The Clinical Legal Education Module remains a cornerstone of legal training at the Law School, providing students with meaningful opportunities for hands-on learning, professional etiquette and reflective practice. During the first semester, as in previous years, first year and fourth year students were paired, primarily in teams of two, and placed under the supervision of a lecturer from the Law School. These partnerships undertook visits to various institutions including Zomba Prison, the Zomba High Court and Legal Aid offices, where students were matched with individuals in need of legal assistance.

Last year, under the Clinical Legal Education

(CLE) module, UNIMA Law students provided legal advice to detainees at Zomba Central and Domasi Prisons, with several matters taken up by the Chikanda Legal Clinic. CLE Lecturer Andrea Manda appeared before Justice D. H. Sankhulani at the Zomba High Court, while Mr. Samuel Kanyika, Lecturer and CLE Coordinator, appeared before Justice Masoamphambe. These interventions resulted in bail being granted to five clients who had spent between 14 and 62 months in pre-trial detention, with one matter adjourned at the State’s request, reflecting the Law School’s commitment to access to justice for vulnerable persons.

Through these engagements, a total of 53 clients

were identified and assisted across a broad range of legal matters, including criminal, family, contractual, labour and land related issues, among others.

Additionally, through the Chikanda Legal Clinic, law students Sheila Chizenga and Lumbani Botha assisted a client referred by the Zomba Legal Aid Bureau in a debt recovery matter. The students worked under the supervision of Dr. Mweso and Mr. Samuel Kanyika, and in collaboration with Senior Legal Aid Advocate Mr. Auris Chagunda, drafting a legal opinion and demand letter that led to the successful recovery of the outstanding debt and provided valuable practical training.

Moot Court Competitions

In November last year, UNIMA hosted two major moot court competitions showcasing outstanding legal talent. At the 5th Annual UNIMA Ritz Moot Court Competition, Leah Nyirenda and her teammate John Njerekera won Best Team, with Leah also awarded Best Oralist, while runners-up Taweni Maoni and Esther

Mkisi impressed with their advocacy. In the Environmental Law Moot Competition, organised by the Environmental Justice and Sustainability Clinic in partnership with the Lilongwe Wildlife Trust, Sungeni Mkwanda and Jean Allih emerged as Best Team, with Sungeni also recognised as Best Orator, and runners-up Natasha

Chilima and Brenda Kawonga garnering praise for strong performances.



Moot Court Winners (from left): Leah, Esther, John, Taweni, Sungeni and Jean



UNIMA Gender Justice Clinic Hosts A Mental Health Seminar



Prof. Bandawe pose with participants after the seminar

On the 28th of October 2025, the UNIMA Gender Justice Clinic under the Department of Public Law and Clinical Legal Education held a mental health seminar under the theme: The Mask of Masculinity: How Societal Expectations Impact Mental Health in the Law Boardroom. The seminar was attended by students from the clinic and other student led

organizations and members of staff. The seminar was headlined by three speakers, Ms. Sylvia Namakhwa, a psychosocial counsellor, Professor Chiwoza Bandawe, a mental health expert from Kamuzu College of Nursing and Travis Kodo, a student and speaker from 21st Generation an organization which focuses on Mental Health. The main purpose of the seminar was to discuss

the challenges faced by male students which affect their mental health and how best they can cope with these challenges without succumbing to drastic measures like drug abuse and suicide.

Ms. Namankhwa discussed some of the challenges that students face and isolated their causes, she went further to discuss the best coping mechanisms for challenges faced by students. Prof. Chiwoza Bandawe talked about the societal expectations that people place on men and the type of masks that men in society hide behind due to these expectations which cause mental challenges and the best ways to cope with the challenges. Lastly, advocate from 21st Gen, Mr. Travis Kado talked about the importance of creating a space where students are free to discuss their mental health issues without prejudice and encouraged the students to join spaces which gave them the chance to sit down and talk with fellow peers without judgement.

UNIMA Gender Justice In Collaboration With Women Lawyers Association Hold A Strategic Litigation And Advocacy Training

On the 6th of November 2025, the clinic held a seminar in collaboration with the Women Lawyers Association which fo-

cused on strategic litigation and advocacy. The training was aimed at training students on how best to deal with public interest issues in litiga-

tion and advocacy. The seminar was headlined by Ms. Vitumbiko Mbizi a Project Lawyer for WLA and Ms. Tonthozo Saukila a Waging Jus-



The trained students pose for a photo at the end of the training

tice for Women Fellow of WLA. Under strategic litigation, the seminar focused on the concept, key considerations in sourcing cases and case building.

This segment focused on how best to select cases and how to handle them strategically when it comes to public interest cases. The second segment of the seminar focused on advocacy, how best to conduct effective advocacy and how to approach the right stakeholders when conducting advocacy. The segment also gave insights on the role of advocacy in advancing women's rights in Malawi. The seminar was very enlightening as students were able to engage experts who have experience in handling public interest cases and advocacy.

UNIMA Gender Justice Clinic Holds An Online Campaign During The 16 Days Of Activism Against Gender Based Violence Under The Theme: Unite To End Digital Violence Against Women And Girls

The UNIMA Gender Justice Clinic from the 25th of November to the 10th of December held an online campaign advocating for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender

Based violence, during the campaign the clinic was releasing posters that spoke to the theme of the year and advocated the ending of digital violence against women and girls. The posters

contained different messages that campaigned for women's rights both online and offline which were posted on its social media pages and were shared among students on the campus.

UNIMA Disability Rights Clinic Hosts A Seminar On The Power Of Language In Disability Discourse



Presenters and Participants take a photo at the end of the seminar

The Disability Rights Clinic organised a seminar titled "The Power of Language in Disability Discourse" on 20 November, held in the Law Boardroom.

The seminar featured Associate Professor Winfred Mkochi and His Worship Principal Re-

sident Magistrate Rhodrick Michongwe as guest speakers and was convened in response to the controversy surrounding the Ministry of Health's translation of Autism as "Ulumali Wa Kuzelezeka Kwa Ubongo" during the commemoration of World Autism Day in April 2025.

The discussion highlighted the significant role language plays in shaping public perceptions of disability and the potential harm caused by insensitive or inaccurate terminology.

The keynote address was delivered by Associate Professor Mkochi, a seasoned linguist, who unpacked the theoretical limitations of expression in Chichewa and other vernacular languages and explored pathways for reform. He outlined various linguistic methods for developing disability-friendly language, including borrowing, transliteration, derivation, compounding, semantic transfer, paraphrasing, and de-ideophonization.

While these approaches offer meaningful avenues for reframing disability discourse, he emphasised that reform efforts must be collaborative and grounded in engagement with local communities and development partners. Drawing from these insights, the Clinic intends to initiate a project to develop a handbook on Disability-Friendly Terminology.

DoE at Reserve Bank of Malawi 60th Anniversary Commemoration

On 18th July, the Reserve Bank commemorated its 60th anniversary at the Bingu International Convention Center (BICC). The guest of honor, his Excellency, the State President Dr. Lazarus Chakwera praised the RBM for serving as an important catalyst for national progress. He also emphasized the need for experts at the institution to take bold steps to improve the economy.

Our head of Department, Associate Professor Gowokani Chijere, made a presentation titled "Social Media and Economic Management- moving forward." He unpacked the dynamics of social media use over the last few decades and where human civilisation has found itself in 2025 regarding the same. He emphasized that the scale of social media use in the 21st century presents both challenges and opportunities in central bank communication.

The anniversary featured two thought-provoking panel discussions led by leading experts in central banking. The first, moderated by Mr. Emmanuel Mpawe Tutuba, the governor of the Bank of Tanzania, looked at the question, "Is there room for supply side intervention for the Central Banks in Low Income Countries

(LICs)?" and the second moderated by Mr. Baldwin Samuel Chiyamwaka looked at the two sides of social media, the information side and the misinformation side, where the Deputy Vice Chancellor Dr. Sunduzwayo Madise, was one of the panelists. He emphasized the need for the Reserve Bank to communicate effectively, avoiding technical jargon and leveraging social media to reach diverse audiences. He stressed the importance of clear communication and proactivity in combating misinformation and serving the public.

The event attracted stakeholders from different sectors, including the Governor of the Central Bank in Mozambique, the Economics Association of Malawi - ECAMA, and economics students from across the country.

The Bank was established in 1964 through the Reserve Bank of Malawi Act 1964. It has had 15 governors, and the current one is Dr. McDonald Mafuta Mwale. The presence and presentation of the Head of DoE was a seal of our commitment to producing state-of-the-art knowledge and human resources for RBM's operations and success in macroeconomic management in the country.



Assoc. Prof. Gowokani Chijere Chirwa presenting at RBM's 60th Anniversary

Associate Professor Gowokani Chijere Chirwa Visits NWU

North-West University (NWU) welcomed Associate Professor Gowokani Chijere Chirwa for an enriching exchange visit that underscored the power of academic collaboration and global partnerships. The visit was generously sponsored by CRAFs University of Malawi - UNIMA.

During the visit, Professor Chijere Chirwa engaged in high-level discussions with senior university officials, exploring potential research collaborations and strengthening ties between institutions. The visit was marked by genuine hospitality, as the HoD was warmly received and graciously showered with gifts.

In a memorable highlight, he was invited to attend NWU's graduation ceremony, where he proudly attended. The exchange host was Professor Steven Dunga.

Professor Chirwa also had engagements with Professor Babs Surujlal, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences. Also present were Dr. Verona Leendertz, Deputy Dean for Research and Innovation, Prof Herman and other senior members of the faculty.

Prof Zandri Dickason was also instrumental in the discussions.

This visit reflects a shared commitment to fostering academic exchange, research collaboration, and institutional growth across borders.



Assoc. Prof. Gowokani Chijere Chirwa at a PhD student's graduation at NWU



Assoc. Prof. Gowokani Chijere Chirwa interacting with colleagues at NWU

Ms Norah Mwase presents a paper at the 2025 International Health Economics Association (IHEA) Conference in Bali, Indonesia.



Ms. Mwase in Indonesia for the 2025: Ms. Mwase standing outside the conference room (left), Ms. Mwase presenting her research at the IHEA (top right), and Ms. Mwase with fellow delegates at the conference (bottom right)

Ms Norah Mwase presented a paper titled “Is Malawi positioned to achieve Universal Health Coverage goals? An Assessment of Strategic Health Purchasing in Malawi” at the 2025 IHEA conference. The conference took place in Bali, Indonesia from 19th July to 23rd July 2023.

The paper evaluates the progress, gaps and opportunities in strategic health purchasing among major purchasers of health in Malawi. The study

emphasises the role of strategic purchasing as a key driver towards achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Key findings highlighted the need to leverage lessons from the rollout of SLAs to strengthen direct facility financing implementation, improvements in provider agreements, adoption of provider payment mechanisms that provide clear incentives, limiting priorities to available resources to promote realistic budgeting and service readiness and, strengthening performance monitoring arrangements to al-

low integration of health information systems. The conference featured over 200 concurrent sessions and was graced by notable figures such as Prof Diane McIntyre, Executive Director of the IHEA, (who started the first health economics program in Africa at the University of Cape Town) and Dr Eva Pascoal, the former Chair of the executive board of African Health Economics Association (AfHEA).

DoE Students Raise The Department Flag High At The Social Sciences And Humanities Conference



Some of the student researchers from the DoE at the Conference

On 7th August 2025, six students from the Department of Economics represented the department at the Social Sciences and Humanities Conference at the University of Malawi UNIMA.

The presenters Sylvia David Kachola, Precious Thete, Ustus Mutuoera, Chisomo Kadaluka, Theodora Kuntembwe, and Levena Banda showcased research on a range of critical topics, including:

1. Lifetime Marital Status, Educational Attainment, and Early Menopause in Sub-Saharan Africa supervised by Associate Prof. Gowokani Chijere, Dr. Ben Malinga John, and Dr. Susie Lee.

2. Shifting Reproductive Behaviors and Demographic Transition in Malawi, 1950–2024 supervised by Dr. Ben Malinga John.

3. Waters that Drown Both Land and Hope: An Assessment of Climate Shock Impacts on Multidimensional Poverty, Pathways of Change: Understanding Livelihood Choices in the Era of Financial Inclusion, and The Price of Ageing in Health: Is Age Really Just a Number? Both supervised by Dr. Farai Chigaru.

"We celebrate our student researchers for their dedication, intellectual curiosity, and outstanding contributions..."

We celebrate our student researchers for their dedication, intellectual curiosity, and outstanding contributions to advancing research in economics and beyond.

UNIMA Economics Society Welcomes First Year Students



The Welcoming Party in progress: Dinner time and interactions

On 12th September, 2025, the Department of Economics, through a dinner organized by the Unima Economics Society, warmly welcomed its first-year students who were selected to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Development Economics.

The event was graced by the presence of the Head of Department, Associate Professor Gowokani Chijere Chirwa, and Mr. Edward Leman, known for his enthusiasm and support for students.

In his speech, the HoD stressed the need to stay focused and not get carried away with peer pressure. He also emphasized that university life is individualistic and that one should not be comfortable with getting "humble" grades or succumb to peer pressure.

Kudos to the Economics Society president, Mr. Innocent Chikopa, and his team for organizing such a fantastic and interactive event.



The HOD addressing students



The Society's leadership take a photo with the members of staff at the event

The DoE Reviews The Curriculum For Undergraduate Programs

The Department of Economics released a new curriculum for its Undergraduate programs. The new curriculum features new courses and route map changes to both the Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Bachelor of Arts Development Economics. The curriculum was operationalised on the 1st of September, which was the beginning of the 2025/2026 academic year.

New courses introduced are as follows:

First year Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Economics and BA in Development Economics: Computer Applications for Economists (ECO112) and

Introduction to Entrepreneurship (ECO122).

Second year BA in Economics: Political Economy (ECO215) as a core course

Second year BA in Development Economics: Political Economy (ECO215) and Institutional Economics (ECO223).

Third year BA in Economics: Programming for Economists I & II (ECO314 & ECO325), and Digital Economy I & II (ECO315 & ECO326).

Third year BA in Development Economics: Econometrics I & II (DEC311 & DEC321,

Programming for Economists I & II (ECO314 & ECO325), and Digital Economy I & II (ECO315 & ECO326)

Fourth year BA in Economics: Behavioural Economics (ECO414), Insurance and Risk Management (ECO415), Organizational Economics (ECO424) and, Banking and Finance (ECO425).

Fourth year BA in Development Economics: Natural Resource Economics (ECO415), Development Financing (ECO425) and Energy Economics (DEC426).

Social Media Interns Sign Out

Managing the Department's social media and all media-related tasks requires both commitment and creativity. From September 2024 to August 2025, Theodora Kuntembwe and Michael Mumba carried out this role with professionalism and innovation.

Their work has enhanced the Department's visibility and strengthened engagement within the UNIMA community. Initiatives such as the Faculty Spotlight and Student Feature stand as lasting contributions to the Department's growth.

The department extends its sincere gratitude for their dedication and creativity, and we wish them continued success in their academic and professional journeys.



Michael Mumba



Theodora Kuntembwe

Professor Chiwaula and Mr. Leman Speak On Formalization Of Small And Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

Macroeconomics Lecturer in the Department of Economics (DoE), Mr. Edward Leman, appeared in the 17 September 2025 issue of The Nation Business News as he pushed the formalization of SMEs agenda citing its significance in driving growth. He highlighted the need to fully register SMEs to support revenue collection by tax authorities, helping deal with budget deficits.

Professor Levison Chiwaula agreed with Leman emphasizing that formalization would also help SMEs to access markets and services unavailable to informal businesses. He further shed light on the additional costs that formalization has on the individual businesses, highlighting the need to build a formalization framework that adds to their profits despite the regulatory payments' introduction.

The DoE takes pride in its members who continue to contribute to the public discourse.



Mr. Edward Leman



Professor Levison Chiwaula

DoE Orients New MA Economics Cohort

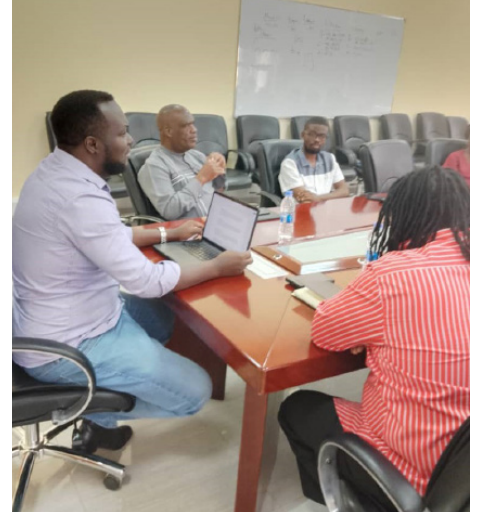


New MA cohort being oriented

On the 9th of October, 2025, the Department of Economics held an orientation session for the 2025/2026 Master of Arts in Economics cohort in the Department's Main Boardroom.

Led by the Head of Department, Associate Professor Gowokani Chijere Chirwa, the members of staff introduced the new students to everything they need to know to kickstart their journey including mode of learning, courses, thesis writing and learning resources the department offers.

Master of Arts in Economics at the University of Malawi remains one of the oldest programs at the institution and most viable MA options for anyone considering a career in Economic Research and Public Policy.



The HoD addressing the students

Bridging Theory And Practice: Health Economist, Timange Banda, Delivers a Guest to the MA Health Economics Class

On 29th October, 2025, the Department of Economics hosted Mr Timange Banda, Health Economist at the Ministry Of Health - Malawi, for an insightful lecture with the Health Economics Master's class.

Mr. Banda shared valuable perspectives on health financing and sectoral reforms, bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world policy implementation. His practical insights inspired students to think critically about how financing decisions can shape stronger and equitable health systems.

The DoE continues to value collaborations that contribute to shaping the next generation of economists.



Mr. Banda lecturing



A group photo at the end of the lecture

From Data To Dialogue: Shaping Malawi's Fight Against Child Multidimensional Poverty

On 30th October, the DOE's Associate Professor Gowokani Chijere Chirwa and researcher Amanda Grace Chatata were part of the team that delved into the data producing a pioneering policy brief that champions a powerful, community-centric solution for Child Multidimensional Poverty.

This initiative highlights the department's commitment and vital role in transforming academic research into actionable, evidence-based policymaking in our collective quest for an inclusively wealthy nation.

The DoE did this in collaboration with UNICEF

Malawi, the National Statistical Office of Malawi (NSO), and the National Planning Commission of Malawi (NPC).



Assoc. Prof. Chirwa and Ms. Amanda with NSO, UNICEF and NPC

Dr. Chikadza Attends The OGP Global Summit 2025 In Spain



Chikadza (left front row) at the OGP Global Summit

From 7th to 9th October, Dr. Bertha Bangara Chikadza, Senior Lecturer in Macroeconomics, attended the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Global Summit held in Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain – joining over 2,000 global leaders, including government officials,

civil society representatives, and policymakers from across the world.

Dr. Chikadza sat on a side event on Open Budget Multilateralism, where she shared insightful perspectives on fiscal openness, transparency, and participatory budgeting. Drawing lessons from Kenya's experience with "budgeted corruption," she emphasized the need for stronger institutional oversight in pre-budget allocations, extra-budgetary decisions, and procurement, and the necessity to include budgeting in the school curriculum.

The OGP Global Summit is a biennial event that brings together government reformers, civil society representatives, policymakers, academics, and others from around the world. It serves as a global platform for sharing innovative approaches and experiences in open governance.

Dr. Bangara Chikadza keeps on inspiring us all for her contribution to vital conversations shaping the future of open governance and economic transparency, effectively flying the DoE's flag high.

DoE At The Inaugural National Public Health Research Dissemination Conference



Members of the DoE at the Inaugural National Public Health RDC: (from left) Chawinga, Somanje, Chatata, Chirwa, Malunga

On 30th October, 2025, the DoE's Associate Professor Gowokani Chijere Chirwa, Amanda Grace Chatata, Winnie Somanje, Blandina Malunga, and Tukupalisha Chawinga presented their research findings at the first-ever National Public Health Research Dissemination Conference at Bingu International Convention Centre (BICC), in Lilongwe.

Organized by Public Health Institute of Malawi (PHIM) and themed "Advancing Public Health Research To Build Resilient And Sustainable Systems", the conference attracted researchers, public health experts, and other stakeholders to establish, by evidence, the relationships that exist among different public health issues in the wake of the country's quest to build a sustainable future for all.

The DoE continues to take pride in promoting evidence-based policy making through research.

DoE At ECAMA Annual Conference 2025



Dr. Chikadza speaking at the conference



DoE members at the break; Dr. Regson Chaweza and Associate Professor Chirwa

The DoE was delighted to participate in the ECAMA annual conference that took place from 30th to 31st October, 2025 in Mangochi.

Held under the theme “Beyond the crisis: Reshaping the economy” the 2-day conference brought together economists, policymakers, researchers,

private sector leaders and members of academia. Four members of staff and two students from the DoE were part of this. Our department was represented by its members of staff and students impactful conference; advancing dialogue on Malawi’s economic progress.

In her words, Dr Esmie Kanyumbu the ECAMA

Executive Director called for “continued support from all the stakeholders in advancing our economy, with commitment and action.”

We applaud ECAMA President, Dr. Bertha Bangara Chikadza, and the whole team for organizing such an impactful conference advancing dialogue on Malawi’s economic progress.

Launch Of The Inaugural Malawi Trade Report 2025



Dr. Chikadza speaking during the launch



Participants take a group photo after a successful launch

On the 18th of November, 2025, the Export Development Fund (EDF) launched the first-ever Malawi Trade Report 2025, under the theme “Resilience and Realignment: Tracking Malawi’s Trade in a Volatile Global Economy”.

The launch took place at Bingu International Conference Centre (BICC), Lilongwe. The report, which was a collaboration between the

EDF and DOE, showcases the strong linkage between the industry players and academia. DoE’s Dr. Bertha Bangara Chikadza and Edward Leman were key contributors to development of the report.

This inaugural report offers timely insights on Malawi’s trade patterns, emerging opportunities, structural challenges, and policy directions needed to enhance competitiveness in the global

marketplace. In his words, the director, Mr. Fred Chanza, was excited to see this come to fruition - a thing he thanked the team at the EDF for its dedication.

The DoE celebrates this milestone and look forward to the critical dialogue it will spark within policy, academic, and private-sector circles.

UNIMA Economics Society Hosts A Women In Economics And Finance Conference



Speakers, Head of Department, DoE Lecturers and Economics Society Executive Committee pose for a photo

On Thursday, 27th November, 2025, the UNIMA Economics Society hosted a “Women in Economics and Finance” event aimed at celebrating and drawing inspiration from outstanding women shaping Malawi’s economic landscape. The event, meant to be a platform for learning and reflection, featured a distinguished panel of experts from NBS Bank, Standard Bank, and the Economics Association of Malawi (ECAMA), who shared insights drawn from their professional journeys in economics and finance.

The speakers specifically called on female students to take advantage of the opportunity to learn from women actively shaping the industry and contributing to national economic development. Participants were exposed to practical experiences, leadership perspectives, and career guidance from senior professionals in the sector.

Speakers included Dr. Bertha Bangara Chikadza, President of ECAMA and a Senior Macroeconomics Lecturer at the University of Malawi; Ms. Mlangazua Chigaru, Head of Global Markets at Standard Bank; Mrs. Vitumbiko Gubuduza, Head of Compliance at NBS Bank; Mrs. Florence Pasiya, a Financial Strategist at NBS Bank; and Mrs. Mtchaisi Chimtengo, Chief Operating Officer at the Deposit Insurance Company.

The impact of the University of Malawi Economics Society’s “Women in Economics and Finance” conference was captured in the reflections of one of its key organizers. Tisaope Ngwalo, a final-year Development Economics student and Vice President of the Society, reported that the event provided a rare and valuable space for personal and professional grounding.

“Attending the Women in Economics and Fi-

nance Conference left me feeling grounded and encouraged,” Ngwalo said. She described it as one of those unique forums that prompts deep reflection and builds confidence in one’s own path. “It was one of those spaces that makes you pause, reflect, and trust your journey a little more.”

For Ngwalo, the value of the discussions extended far beyond the event itself, constituting “an experience that stays with you for a lifetime after you leave the room.” She highlighted the authentic nature of the exchange, summarizing the atmosphere as one of “real talk, real people, real growth and real energy.” Concluding her thoughts on the uniquely impactful gathering, Ngwalo affirmed, “You just had to be there.”

The Department commends the Economics Society Leadership for spearheading knowledge and empowerment through events such as these

Dr. Farai Chigaru's GIFT Innovation Gains Continental and Global Recognition

DoE unveils Growth Identification and Facilitation tool ("GIFT"): an innovation for Identifying Trade Opportunities, Developed by Dr. Farai Chigaru.

GIFT is a groundbreaking software innovation developed by economist and programmer, Dr. Farai Chigaru. Leveraging his expertise in economics, Dr. Chigaru designed and developed GIFT to pinpoint optimal sectors for trade and economic growth for every country worldwide.

GIFT has already garnered significant acclaim, receiving the award for Most Promising Innovation in Africa from the African Union and Afreximbank. In recognition of this achievement, Dr. Chigaru has been named a Top Innovator in Africa in 2025 by Afreximbank and African Union.

Dr. Farai Chigaru was selected as one of Africa's top innovators by the Africa Research and Innovation Hub (ARIH) which he presented at the Intra-Africa Trade Fair (IATF) 2025 in Algeria.

African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank), in collaboration with the African Union (AU) Commission and the AfCFTA Secretariat, organized the IATF2025 to bring together innovations from across the continent in promoting Intra-Africa Trade. Dr. Chigaru's participation in this event is a testament to his innovative mindset and matchless creativity.

After winning the "Most promising innovation award in Africa" by Afrexim Bank, Dr Farai Chigaru proceeded to compete at the international level at the "2025 Belt and Road and BRICS Skills Competition in technological innovation" that took place in Shijiazhuang, China. Using his innovation, the Growth Identification and Facilitation tool (GIFT), Dr Farai Chigaru has won 2nd place from a pool of global participants. He is coming back home with the silver medal.

The DoE celebrates Dr. Farai Chigaru's innovation in economics. We are proud of Dr Chigaru for taking the DoE's flag up high.



Dr. Farai Chigaru

DoE Awards 5 Distinctions In The August 2025 Graduation



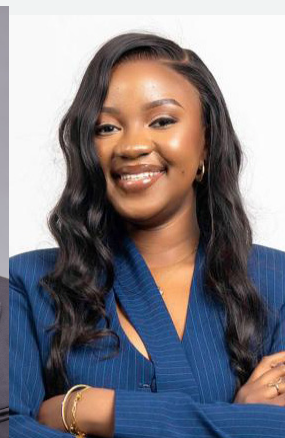
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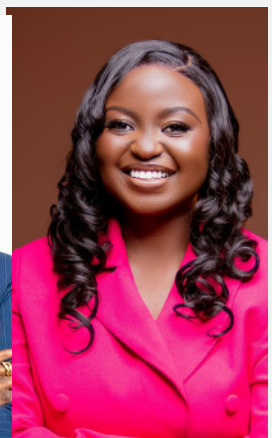
Tadala Masonga



Mike Kamanga



Tadala Chikopa



Tadala Taulo

On 29th of August, 2025, the DoE graduated 41 Bachelor of Arts in Economics and 29 Bachelor of Arts in Development students. 5 students - Charton Banda,

Tadala Taulo, Mike Kamanga, Tadala Masonga and Tadala Chikopa - doing BA in Economics graduated with distinction (first class). This is record breaking for the department and we

commend their dedication, hard work, intellectual curiosity.

DOE Students Headed To China!

The Department of Economics (DOE), the School of Law, Economics and Governance (SLEG) and the School of Education (SoE) are proud to celebrate students who were selected for exciting opportunities in China through the Confucius Institute at UNIMA (CI-UNIMA).

Chrispin Kamwendo (DOE) will spend a full academic year (Sept 2025–June 2026) at the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) in Beijing. He earned both a

placement and a scholarship to deepen his skills in Chinese language and culture. Chrispin is already at HSK5 level and previously represented Malawi in the Chinese Bridge Competition.

Booker Chitengo (SLEG) traveled to China from 16–27 August 2025 as an official observer of the Global Chinese Bridge Competition, after finishing as Malawi's runner-up in 2025. Isaac Mwanza (SoE) represented Malawi at the 2025 Global Chinese Bridge Competition in China from 4–19 August after winning 1st

place nationally—beating contestants from UNIMA, MUST, MZUNI, MSG, and UNICAF.

Prof. Mwanjaka Mfune, CI-UNIMA Coordinator, praised the students' achievements and highlighted the strength of international academic partnerships.

The department is incredibly proud of our students and can't wait to see what they accomplish next.

DoE's MA Students Awarded UDI Research Grant By UNIMA CERT

Two Master of Arts in Economics students Mr. Ben Kalukuni Lwanja and Ms. Takondwa Piriminta were awarded the Unlocking Data Initiative (UDI) research grant under University of Malawi (UNIMA) Centre for Educational Research and Training (CERT).

Unlocking Data is a Global Partnership in Education-Knowledge Innovation Exchange (GPE- KIX) applied research project under the data systems and data use hub and funded by IDRC Canada. The full project name is Unlocking Data: Scaling up Uses and Users of Data in Education Systems. It seeks to enhance the accessibility, usability, and impact of education data, thereby strengthening data systems for better decision-making in education.

The project is carried out by the Unlocking Data Initiative (UDI), a consortium of five partners: Zizi Afrique Foundation in Kenya, eBASE (Effective Basic Services) from Cameroon, CERT/ UNIMA, Education Sub Saharan

Africa (ESSA) and EdTech Hub from UK. The project focuses on 3 countries Cameroon, Kenya and Malawi.

We are proud of this achievement and wish Mr. Lwanja and Ms. Piriminta more success!



Ben Kalukuni Lwanja



Takondwa Piriminta

A Streak Of Excellence: Ms. Bertha Nguluwe Continues To Shine

On 3rd October, 2025, Ms. Bertha Nguluwe, a lecturer in the DoE, was one of the two that were awarded Best Student (Coursework) from the 2025 School of Law, Economics and Government (SLEG) Postgraduate Awards.

A true product of our department's excellence, Ms. Nguluwe earned a Bachelor of Social Science (Economics) with distinction and now serves as a lecturer in Econometrics and Development Economics.

While inspiring students in her role as an educator, she pursued further studies, earning her Master of Arts in Economics (2025) and the prestigious SLEG Best Student Course Work Award for achieving the highest standard in her postgraduate coursework.

Her journey from a distinguished student to a faculty member, all while excelling in her postgraduate studies, is a powerful inspiration.



Ms. Bertha Nguluwe

DoE Dominates The SLEG Postgraduate Awards

On October 3rd, at the School of Law, Economics and Government (SLEG) Postgraduate Awards, DoE students scooped more than half of the awards. Out of the 11 exceptional students honored across the entire school, 7 were from the department of economics, showcasing our unwavering commitment to academic excellence.

The students were Dr. Thompson Nelson Kumwenda, a PhD student and 6 Masters students namely Bertha Ngulube, Kondwani Kamaliza, Isaac Masinga, Bonface Kamwani, Richard Moyo and Bridget Naphiyo. The awards presented included best student publication, best student course work and best student thesis.

This was a milestone and a proud moment for the DoE as their hard work and groundbreaking research not only brings honor to the department but also inspire others.



Dr. Thompson Nelson Kumwenda

Fourth Year Economics Student Crowned As The Winner Of Mindrise Writing And Expression 2025!

Mr Eric Dinga, a 4th year Economics student was crowned as the overall winner of MindRise Writing and Expression 2025 on where he caught the attention of the judges with an original song that challenges stigma and opens conversations about mental health.

Since then, Eric stepped into the role of ArtGlo's Mental Health Ambassador at the University of Malawi - UNIMA.

Mindrise Writing and Expression was a competition organised by UNIMA Psychology Society in collaboration with Art and Global Health Centre Africa (ARTGLO) and 21st Generation UNIMA Chapter to promote expression and anti-stigma advocacy in regard to mental health among students at the University.



Eric Dinga

Shaping Conversations, Driving Change: Professional Highlights of Dr. Bertha Bangara Chikadza

In the period from July to December, 2025, Dr. Bertha Bangara Chikadza, Senior Lecturer in Macroeconomics in the Department of Economics, has been a Keynote Speaker or Guest of Honour at various gatherings, published in recognised journals, and got multiple appointments to serve in Boards of several reputable institutions. Among others, are listed below:

- Presented a Keynote analysis of the Commitment to Reducing Inequality Country Profile in Malawi, Africa's Inequality Crisis and the Rise of the Super-Rich and Tackling Inequality at its Epicentre: Eastern and Southern Africa held at the Sunbird Capital Hotel, Lilongwe, 17th July, 2025.
- Presented a Keynote on Catalysing Sustainable Growth: A private Sector Perspective on Malawi 2063 at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Malawi (ICAM)'s Annual Lakeshore Conference at Sun 'n' Sand, Mangochi, on 22nd August, 2025.
- Presented a Keynote on Agility and Adaptability: Navigating the Economic Dynamics Through Procurement and Supply Chain management at the Malawi Institute of Procurement and Supply (MIPS) Annual Lakeshore Conference at Sunbird Nkopola on 27th August, 2025.
- Attended the Open Government Partnerships (OGP) Global Summit in Vitoria-Gaizteiz, Spain from 7th to 9th October, 2025.
- Appointed Board Director and Board Vice Chairperson of the Civil Aviation Authority



Dr. Chikadza, alongside Dr. Winford Masanjala, The Public Finance Review by the World Bank

(CAA) (10th October, 2025)

- Conducted the ECAMA 2025 Annual Economic Conference at Sunbird Nkopola in Mangochi.
- Attended the Women in Economics and Finance Workshop by the Economics Society on 25th October, 2025.
- Discussed as a Panelist at the India-UNIMA dialogue in the Great Hall, 4th November, 2025
- Attended the extractive Industries Report at Sunbird Capital Hotel in Lilongwe, on 14th

November, 2025.

- Presented the Malawi Trade Report which Bertha and Edward Lemani co-authored with Alice Chidammodzi to the Minister of Finance and Minister of Trade at BICC, Lilongwe on 18th November, 2025
- Presented a Keynote on An analysis of the Macroeconomic Challenges: the financial sector's role in driving sustainable growth at the MUSCCO Annual Lakeshore Conference held at Sunbird Livingstonia in Salima, on 21st No-

vember, 2025.

- Attended the Virtual CSO Roundtable co-hosted by the IMF and the World Bank Group on the Progress with the Low-Income Country Debt Sustainability Framework (LIC-DSF) Review on 4th December, 2025.
- Appointed Board Director of the Deposit Insurance Corporation (DIC) Malawi on 11th December, 2025.
- Panel Discussant at the World Bank's Launch of the Malawi Public Finance Review (PFR)-Restoring Stability, Rebuilding Trust, BICC-Lilongwe, 9th December, 2025.
- Attended the Open Government Partnerships (OGP) Natural Resources Technical Working Group which Bertha is a member on 10th December, 2025.
- Held the ECAMA Board Meeting where Bertha as President made a detailed report to the Board of Trustees of ECAMA on 11th December, 2025.
- Presented a Keynote on the Innovation Reporting for Industrial Transformation: How Data can Drive Malawi's Economics Diversification Agenda, at the National Commission for Science and Technology's National Innovation

Conference, BICC, 18th December, 2025.

- Submitted the developed concept for the establishment of a Unit for Computational and Applied Macroeconomics (UCAMA) at UNIMA.
- Published the paper "When the Cure Leaks: Corruption, Health Spending and Health Outcomes in Frontiers in Public Health with Lloyd George Banda and Emmanuel George Yusufu.
- Conducted various interviews with SABC Focus on Africa, MBC-Tv, Times, Nation Newspaper, Zodiak Broadcasting Corporation and many others on various topics on the economy.

These activities demonstrate Dr. Bertha Bangara Chikadza's sustained dedication to advancing economic scholarship, shaping evidence-based policy,

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enhancing institutional leadership, and supporting national development through her work in academia, professional service, and public engagement. She stands, therefore, as one of the defining economists of her generation—not because she has occupied prestigious spaces, but because she has filled them with unassailable intellectual rigour, moral clarity, and an unwavering commitment to the flourishing

of her people. That is not distinction; that is greatness, and the DoE is even prouder.



Dr. Chikadza representing ECAMA when it was awarded corporate sponsorship from Press Corporation



Dr. Chikadza, other speakers and delegates after presenting The 2025 Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI) Country Profile for Malawi



Dr. Chikadza after the training she conducted for the UNIMA Center for Resilient Agri-Food Systems (CRAFS) The Food Innovation and Technology Hub (FIT-Hub)

INSIDE THE DOE'S RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Did You Know Poverty Can Be Contagious?

Groundbreaking research from the Department of Economics shows that multidimensional poverty in one community can significantly impact poverty levels in its neighboring areas. This "spillover effect" means

our approaches to fighting poverty need to be strategic and geographically targeted. The study also found that investing in education creates a positive ripple effect, helping to lift surrounding communities out of poverty.

The paper comes out of an MA dissertation for Mr. Edson Ntodwa, which was supervised by Associate Professor Gowokani Chijere Chirwa.

How Crop And Livestock Diversification Boosts Food Security In Malawi

The DOE is proud to share groundbreaking research co-authored by Professor Levison Chiwaula, published in Scientific African!

The study, "Assessment of agricultural diversification strategies and rural household food security in Malawi," provides critical insights for sustainable development.

It reveals a promising shift in farming practices, with households moving away from tobacco and

towards legumes and livestock.

The research demonstrates that agricultural diversification is strongly linked to positive outcomes, including higher household per capita income and significantly improved household dietary diversity. Among the various strategies analyzed, households that combined "Tobacco and Livestock" cultivation saw the most substantial benefits.

Professor Chiwaula worked with Anderson Gondwe and Lemekezani Chilora of MwAPATA Institute, and Joseph Goeb of Michigan State University.

Congratulations to Professor Chiwaula and his colleagues on this excellent contribution to agricultural policy.

A Research Paper Crafted Out Of A 4th Year Dissertation Has Been Published In Springer Journal

Authored by a fourth year student Chimwemwe Misomali and her supervisor Associate Professor Gowokani Chijere Chirwa, published their research paper in a Springer journal.

The study "The impact of financial inclusion on multidimensional poverty among females in Malawi", analyzes the relationship between women's access to financial services and poverty

that spans health, education, and standards of living. The paper was crafted out of Chimwemwe's undergraduate 4th year dissertation, which was supervised by Professor Chirwa.

The results demonstrated that financial inclusion causes a significant 5.9 percentage point reduction in multidimensional poverty among women. This evidence leads to a recommendation that targeted investment in financial ser-

vices for women is essential for empowering them, reducing inequality, and eradicating poverty in Malawi.

The DoE remains committed to building research professionals and encourages its students, including undergraduates, to publish their dissertations.

A Study By Assoc. Prof. Chirwa Featured In NWU Trade Newsletter

A study by Richard Moyo and Associate Professor Gowokani Chijere Chirwa published earlier this year (March, 2025), was featured in South Africa's NWU - North-West University TRADE Newsletter, where Chirwa is an Extraordinary Associate Professor.

The study, titled "The Economic Implications of Non-Communicable Diseases on Food Security and Resilience in Malawi", found that Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) were the second leading cause of death among adults in Malawi accounting for 16% of all fatalities.

The study further established that households with NCD-affected members struggle more in accessing a nutritious or balanced diet than those without. Major coping strategies were found to be skipping meals, borrowing food, and selling assets.

The study recommended an integrated policy approach to this nexus between food security and NCDs including provision of agricultural subsidies, school feeding programs, and nutritional fortifications.

To access the video, use this link scan the code below to access the paper.



What Keeps Exports Alive? Agglomeration And Export Survival In Malawi

The DoE is more than proud to highlight a research paper new significant publication authored by Dr. Farai Chigaru and his supervisee Tadala Banda which was published by Springer Journal.

The study made an important contribution to international trade and development economics by examining the factors that sustain export relationships in institutionally constrained economies.

Investigating how agglomeration in destination markets influences the survival of Malawi's exports, the study used export data covering 2003–2022 from 117 trading partners and applied a shared-frailty survival analysis framework.

The key findings showed that exporting to an agglomerated market, i.e. where many exporters and established trade networks already exist, significantly reduces the risk of export failure, with particularly strong effects observed within

Sub-Saharan Africa.

Consequently, the research recommends that policymakers shift attention beyond export entry and place greater emphasis on deepening and sustaining export relationships, especially within regional markets, as a strategy for long-term export growth and resilience.

The DoE commends Dr. Chigaru and Mr. Banda on their impactful contribution to research in trade policy and development.

Green Jobs: A Pathway To Youth Employment And Sustainability In Malawi?

Professor Levison Chiwaula, has co-authored a pivotal study in Forest Policy and Economics titled "Unlocking youth opportunities in the forest sector."

This research addresses the critical challenge of youth employment, investigating the role of green jobs in providing employment opportunities and fostering entrepreneurship.

The collaborative study found that green jobs can be a game-changer for Malawi's youth, offering new opportunities and boosting their income. The findings highlight the importance of supporting sustainable forests initiatives

In this groundbreaking study, Professor Chiwaula collaborated with Maggie Munthali, Bonface Nankhwenya and Lemekezani Chilora

of MwAPATA Institute, and Baxton Chirombo and Win Troosters of Catholic Relief Services

A huge congratulations to Professor Chiwaula and all the authors on this essential and impactful contribution to policy and the body of knowledge.

Assessing The Cost Implications Of Integrating And Scaling Up HIV Services For Key Populations In Kenya And Malawi

The DOE is immensely proud to celebrate a significant publication co-authored by one of the department's Associate Professor Spy Munthali. Published by Oxford University Press, the study provides a powerful evidence base for improving HIV services for key populations.

The study aimed to assess the cost implications

of scaling up and integrating HIV services in Kenya and Malawi.

The key findings confirm that expanding service volume creates economies of scale, and that integrating multiple services within a single facility is associated with lower total costs.

Consequently, the research recommends that

policymakers and program planners strategically pursue both service scale-up and integration to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of HIV programs.

Associate Prof Spy Munthali did this with nine other colleagues from University of York, FHI 360, Mexico's National Institute for Public Health and Kenyatta University, among others.

The Interest Rate Paradox: How Tight Monetary Policy Fuels Food And Overall Inflation

The DoE shared a groundbreaking new publication from lecturers Edward Leman and Lucius Cassim, and a DoE alumnus, John Magombo.

Their paper, "Monetary policy shocks, agricultural growth, and food inflation in developing agrarian economies: misled central banks?" delves into a critical question for economies like Malawi's: does conventional monetary policy

actually work as intended?

The research reveals a surprising finding. A tight monetary policy that raises interest rates slows down our crucial agriculture sector and, unexpectedly and contrary to standard theory, pushes food and overall prices even higher.

This compelling evidence suggests that for an agrarian nation like Malawi, a different path might be more effective. The study proposes that

lowering policy rates could instead stimulate agricultural growth, increase food supply, and ultimately help tame inflation.

The DoE is proud of Edward Leman, John Magombo, and Lucius Cassim for their excellent and impactful work and contributions to economic policy discourse.

The Hidden Stories Shaping Your Healthcare

A huge congratulations to Dr. Martin Limbikani Mwale, a lecturer in the DoE, co-authored a research paper within a vital new publication.

The research, "Conceptualizing the primary health care workforce," reveals the powerful, competing stories that have shaped Danish heal-

th policy for over 45 years.

The study identifies three primary narratives that structure stakeholder perspectives in Denmark. The Medical Narrative emerged in the mid-1960s, followed by the Health Economics Narrative which gained prominence in the 1990s. More recently, the Community Narrative has been growing since the early 2010s.

Beyond Denmark, this research offers a valuable lens for analyzing primary care challenges worldwide. By uncovering these core narratives, Dr. Mwale and his colleagues have made a significant contribution to the global research community, highlighting the need to consider the influence of dominant narratives in PHC

besides objective evidence analysis as a tool for improving primary healthcare outcomes.

Dr. Martin collaborated with Andreas Nielsen Hald, Ulrika Enemark and Viola Burau of Aarhus University, Denmark.

The DoE is incredibly proud of Dr. Mwale and his colleagues for this pivotal contribution to the global body of knowledge!

On Multi-Cointegration: Cassim And Leman Develop A Multicointegration Test For I (2) Series

In a rare and groundbreaking move, DoE's Lucius Cassim and Edward Leman developed a one-step test for multicointegration of I (2) series, a significant contribution to the world of time series Econometric modelling and the theoretical Econometrics at large.

Other theoretical Econometricians have developed tests on cointegration that are widely used in applied time series econometrics. However,

there was a lot that was left untackled.

This new test stands out because

1. It extends multicointegration testing to the I (2) series, allowing for both layers of equilibrium adjustment.

2. It is the first ever test to explicitly model and test for asymmetric (threshold-based) adjustment in both first and second layers cointegration relationships.

This is a huge improvement over most tests which assume linear (symmetric) adjustment towards equilibrium.

3. It's only one-step. Existing methods require two separate estimation stages to establish multicointegration.

The DoE joins all theoretical and applied time series econometricians world-wide in celebrating this timely discovery.

How Do We Get More Life-Saving Health Services To The Communities That Need Them Most?

Often, the answer is not just more funding, but better management. New research co-authored by Associate Professor Spy Munthali studied health facilities serving key populations in Kenya and Malawi and found a powerful connection.

Financial management is most critical, explaining up to 49% of a facility's performance in keeping costs low and services high. Similarly, organizations that monitored their performance closely delivered better quality outreach. This is vital evidence for strengthening health systems

in resource-constrained settings.

We are proud of Associate Professor Spy Munthali on this significant contribution to global health.

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